country and providing a level playing field to the Indian operators.

Separate Doordarshan Channels for Sports and Culture

586. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan has decided to start separate channels for sports and culture; and

(b) if so, by when the channels are likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) and (b) The Prasar Bharati Board has decided, in principle, to hunch an exclusive Sports Channel. As the details in this regard are yet to be worked out, no specific time frame for operationalisation of the Channel can be indicated at present.

प्रसार भारती निगम

587. **श्री रमा शंकर कौशिक :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि प्रसार भारती निगम में 1400/- करोड़ रूपए का घोटाला हुआ हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में किसी स्वंतत्र एंव निष्पक्ष एजेंसी से पांच करायी है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है, और ऐसे आधारहीन आरोप लगाने का उद्देश्य क्या हैं?

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है, और ऐसे आधारहिन आरोप लगाने का उद्देश्य क्या है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुख्तार नकवी) : (क) यह सत्य है कि वित्तीय अनियमितताएं ध्यान में आई हैं।

(ख) और (ग) तथ्यों का पता लगाने से संबंधित प्रारंभिक जांच का कार्य प्रगति पर है।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Setting up of New Power Transmitters

588. SHRI PRAFUALL GORADIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of very high power and low power transmitters functioning in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the details of such transmitters proposed to be set up during the current financial year, location-wise, particularly in the State of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) Number of high power and low power TV transmitters functioning in the country State-wise is given in Statements *(See* below).

(b) Whereas 2 HPTs, 59 LPTs and 25 VLPTs have been commissioned in the country during current financial year 288 transmitters of varying power (57 HPTs, 139 LPTs, 84 VLPTs, 8 transposers), presently under implementation in the country including Gujarat State, are expected to be completed in phases. Locations of transmitters under implementation in Gujarat and those commissioned during current financial year in Gujarat are given in Statement-II *(See* below).

Statement-I

Doordearshan Network (As on 30.11.1998)

			TV TRANSMITTERS (PRIMARY CHANNEL) CHANNEL)					TV TRANSMITTERS (OTHER THAN PRIMARY			
S.No.	STATED.T.s	PPCs	HPTs	LPTs	VLPTs	TRANs	TOTAL	HPTs	LPTs	VLPTs	TOTAL
01.	Assam	3	3	19	1	1	24	0	3	0	3 8
02.	Andhra Pradesh	1	61	6	1	76	1	0	0	1	